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Jack Humphreville

LA WATCHDOG-The growth of the Port of Los Angeles and its ability to maintain and create good paying jobs and its market share of imported cargo are under siege by external market forces as well as the demand by the San Pedro and Wilmington communities to finance \$400 million of public benefits over the next ten years. The Harbor Department, one...



C.J. Prince

GUEST WORDS—Last week, a Tennessee retailer made headlines when he took the whole we-won't-bake-cakes-for-gay-weddings thing to the next level. In response to last week's Supreme Court marriage ruling, Jeff Amyx, owner of Amyx Hardware, taped a "No Gays Allowed" sign to his storefront window. Amyx, who is also a Baptist minister, explained to WATE...



Paul Hatfield

GREEK VOTE, A PERSPECTIVE-According to the lyrics from the memorable theme to *Never on Sunday* (enjoy the trailer), it is OK to kiss in Greece except for Sunday. However, on this past Sunday, July 5th, Greek voters invited the EU to kiss them. I need not mention the part of the anatomy, though. Contrary to some extreme views, this does not mean the...



Ken Alpern

GETTING THERE FROM HERE-Reform of the City Charter or its Bylaws is almost certainly in order, but it's no secret that the City of LA ... for all its hype about being for "sustainable living" and being "environmentally-friendly" ... is burdened by a host of either outdated laws (which encourage inappropriate overdevelopment) or ignored laws (which are...



Fred Mariscal

LATINO PERSPECTIVE- I remember the first time I went on a vacation outside of Mexico. We went to Los Angeles when I was 6 years old. I didn't have to wonder why my dad choose Los Angeles, he knew I wanted to go to Disneyland and meet Mickey Mouse. That first trip we took that summer made me fell in love with this City. Los Angeles has everything a...



Joe Linton

GUEST COMMENTARY-Los Angeles City Councilmember David Ryu. Photo via ryuforcouncil.com It's July. That means a new budget year for government agencies, where there is some turnover: some new faces, new officers, and new committees. LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas is the new chair of the Metro Board of Directors, replacing LA Mayor Eric...



Adrian Glick Kudler

GUEST WORDS- People in Los Angeles love digital billboards!! We can't get enough of them! Give us more!!! Oh, thank god, the LA City Council is ON IT. Lawsuits have tragically darkened so many of those blinky, flashy ads, but yesterday the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee voted to bring them back big time. They want to...



Bill Raden

CAPITAL AND MAIN SPECIAL REPORT—The nurses who showed up at state Senator Richard Pan's Capitol office in May were furious. They had been assured by Pan, a Democrat from Sacramento, that he would be on their side when it came time to vote on Senate Bill 346, a charity care measure aimed at providing transparency to the state's currently murky...



Denyse Selesnick

Since most of the readers of CityWatch are "high achievers" you have undoubtedly faced the situation where you feel you can't afford to take a vacation right now because of a million different reasons. Many of these boil down to one... without your presence things will fall apart. Really, they are just excuses ... not reasons! Getting away from your...

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